

of Chicago who is a member of or affiliated in any way with these prohibited labor organizations, or with other organizations who have committees actively working to influence legislation to meet the desires of these teachers.

"This would apply to the Illinois State Teachers' ass'n, as well as the Chicago Teachers' Federation, because at the recent session of the legislature the Illinois State Teachers' ass'n, as well as the County Superintendents' organizations had representatives present during that session doing what they could to preserve the school system of Illinois to the people and to prevent its being taken over completely by the employers and business interests.

"This is further evidenced by the fact that the senate committee, the majority of whom favored the Cooley measure, which had for its real purpose the elimination of a real education on the part of the working people's children and the development of them as highly trained work animals that could be gotten to take the place of the present skilled workers who are members of the labor movement at prices on a par with cheap, imported, unskilled labor.

"That senate committee in our judgment was created for no other purpose than to eliminate the school teachers' organization of Illinois, because the men and women who are acting as teachers understand these pernicious and vicious influences even better than do the general public, who have not had the specific knowledge of these things that the teachers have, and knowing that these organized teachers with their thorough understanding of what these things mean were standing in the way of the Big Business interests' complete domination of the entire school system, they planned this method of destroying these organizations; and knowing that the Chicago Teachers' Federation is the strongest local organization of the entire

teachers organization in the state they are starting on it first, and I have no hesitancy in stating publicly that the men who are behind the attack on the Chicago Teachers' Federation are serving the purpose of the interests, are the enemies of the people and particularly of organized labor and that insofar as it lies in the power of organized labor in this state to prevent their accomplishing their purpose it is going to be done.

"The issue is clearly between organized labor and the common people on one side and the interests on the other, and it will be fought out on that basis."

—O—O— LULL IN WAR ON TEACHERS' FED. AWAIT COMING OF MAYOR

There is a lull in the war on the Teachers' Federation, started by Jacob M. Loeb, until Mayor Thompson gets back. He is expected to be here Saturday.

One of the stories going the rounds now is that some of Thompson's party foes are trying to get him in a jam with organized labor before the Republican primaries, so as to offset all the prestige he gained in the street car arbitration.

And that is the end of the fight the newspapers that fought Thompson last Spring are playing up.

Religion has its part in the attack on the federation, but that is only the excuse rather than the reason; and it serves to help divide the rank and file. Big Business is after Margaret Haley and the federation because of the fights they have made for the plain people.

There will probably be new developments Saturday.

Miss Haley is not seeing reporters and is not being interviewed. She is watchfully waiting to see whether Mayor Thompson falls for the trap set for him.

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Ready money isn't ready when you want to borrow some.